

Delta Independent Science Board Educational Briefing Questionnaire

Please provide short written responses to the following:

1. Program Title: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program
2. Lead Agency/Department for Program: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
3. Brief Description of Program: Develop a comprehensive ambient surface water quality monitoring program to provide a picture of the overall water quality throughout the state and better characterize problem sites and reference conditions, investigated through site-specific monitoring.
4. Purpose and Objectives of Program: Monitoring is conducted to evaluate beneficial use protection, sources of potential impairment, and effectiveness of implementation efforts. To maximize resources, all monitoring efforts are coordinated with existing monitoring programs—both internal programs (i.e., TMDL, ILRP, subsurface Ag drainage, etc.) and external programs (i.e., DWR, USGS and University of California and grant funded projects).
5. Timeline for Program Objectives: ongoing
6. Current Status of Program: Ongoing and active
7. Contact Information for Lead Staff of this Program:

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8. Associated Total Annual Budget for Program: currently ~\$265,000 for monitoring in the Cache Slough Complex, main channels of the Delta and tributary rivers. \$175,000 will be used for FY 2011-20012, with limited sites in the Delta. Budget varies annually due to available resources available to SWAMP and regional priorities
9. URL, if a Website is Available:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/swamp/index.shtml
10. How does adaptive management play a role in your program? Adaptive management is used, but varies from contract to contract.
11. Any additional information that would be helpful to understand the program: State Board is allocated a certain amount for SWAMP's statewide and regional efforts. Resources allocated for regional efforts are divided among the nine regions. The Central Valley Regional Board is divided into three offices and priority for funding rotates among the three offices annually to focus on local issues. In the Delta, SWAMP funds have been used for both research and monitoring in the past.